

SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting held in the Sponsors Lounge, Vetch Field, Swansea on Monday 20th November, 2002 commencing at 7.30pm.

Kevin Johns opened the Meeting and introduced Chairman Leigh Dineen to the meeting, Leigh having taken over from John Parkhouse as Chairman.

1. Chair Leigh Dineen gave a review of the Trust's first year.

- Launched 27th August 2001.
- Officially Registered on the 4th October 2001 (Registrar Of Friendly Socs.)
- Played a critical role in ousting Tony Petty (with many others)
- 25th January 2002, we buy the Club as part of the Consortium.
- Donation from Gareth Keen of £10,000
- Stephen Burke raised £2,000+ on a sponsored cycle ride.
- £50,000 invested for shares in Club.
- Supporter Director on the Board.
- 1,474 Members joined in our first year.
- Runners Up Award from Supporters Direct in Trust Of The Year + £200
- (this was in competition with 54 other Supporters Trusts).
- It's far from the finished article our involvement to date.
- Many improvements are needed and more support.
- It's YOUR Trust and it's here to stay.
- Renewals + new members already at 902 in this Second Year.
- The success of the Loan Scheme means another £20,000 shares to come.

2. Accounts to 31st August 2002.

Treasurer Nigel Hamer presented the Audited Accounts
Accounts were approved.

3. Resolutions – Leigh Dineen introduced the Resolutions to the Members based on the following guidelines.

- The Supporters Trust is governed by it's Constitution, or, Model Rules
- which are on our website, or, available as a paper copy for a small Admin. Fee.
- There are 122 Rules.
- The Rules were formulated by Lawyers based on a model recommended
- by Supporters Direct and similar to the majority of other Trusts in the UK.
- The Model Rules have been approved by the Registrar of Friendly Societies.
- Any change in the Model Rules, or, new Rule MUST be approved by Members in a 'General Meeting.'

- Any change in the Model Rules must also then be submitted to, and approved by the Registrar of Friendly Societies.

It was established that the Meeting was quorate.

The Resolutions as follows were moved from the Chair.

Resolution 1 – Election of Supporter Director.

- The Supporter Director is the Supporters Trust representative on the Board of the Football Club.
- The Supporter Director will be elected from Elected Trust Board Members
- Who have served on the Trust Board for a minimum of one year.
- The Supporter Director will serve for a period of one year, but, can seek re-election.
- No individual can serve as a Supporter Director for a period of more than
- Twelve years.
- Those eligible to nominate candidates and vote for the Supporter Director are to be those members making up the Supporters Trust Board at the time of the election.

Resolution 1 – approved. This is required to establish a preliminary framework for the election and term of office of the Supporter Director.

Resolution 2 – Rule 61 Amendment.

- Rule 61 to be amended to read “ At the second and third Annual General Meeting.....”

This amendment tidies up an anomaly in the Model Rules and confirms the principle that elected members can serve for a maximum of two years before seeking re-election and not three as per original Rule.

Resolution 2 – approved.

Resolution 3 – Life Membership.

- Award of Life Membership – *a new Rule to be introduced.*
- *The Trust Board may award a category of “Life Membership” in rare cases where an Ordinary Trust Member (not a Board Member) has made an exceptional contribution to further the cause of the Trust.’*

Resolution 3 – approved.

4. Election of Board Members.

Kevin Johns announced the results of the election.

Huw Cooze, John Parkhouse, Richard Lillicrap, Ron Knuszka and Debbie Rees are duly elected to the Trust Board for a period of two years.

5. Chairman's Vote Of Thanks.

- to those stepping down and who have served during the year.
- Those who stood but were not elected (the Board does have some co-opted places to fill and will review this at it's next Board Meeting) – and there will be another six places up for re-election enxt year.
- Especially all those members who used the opportunity to vote.

6. Chairman Leigh Dineen – a look forward with the new Board for the next 12 months.

- the Trust exists for the benefit of it's Members – it's YOUR Trust.
- the Members join because they want to see a thriving and successful football club.
- our duty as the Board is to create a thriving Trust. That way we get more Members, raise more money and get more influence and control over OUR football club.
- we have had a good start as a Trust. But it's been a very difficult year, and from a standing start.
- this is a completely new experience for most of us and I believe the Trust is a unique organisation for Swansea and the surrounding area.
- we know there are things we could and should do better.

- *in the next 12 months we will do better*
- *we will set out to take membership levels above 1200*
- *we will set out to increase the number of shares to £100,000*
- *we will be even more open – Board minutes will be published on our website.*
- *we will make sure members have a say in all important decisions.*
- *we will make sure that regular updates appear on membership numbers and money raised both in the Evening Post and on the website.*
- *we will make sure a Q&A facility is opened on the website and in the Evening Post and through our regular newsletters.*

But the most important thing to us all is NOW.

Survive this season and we will:

- a). be able to improve the playing squad in the summer.
- b). have cleared substantially any historic debt.
- c). be looking forward to a new Stadium mid-season.

I am sure we will be successful.
It's time the Club started moving up.
I am privileged to play my small part on your behalf.

Thank you.

Kevin Johns declared the formal meeting closed at 9.15pm and kicked off an Informal discussion.